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March 31, 2021

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cardin:

Thank you for your March 11, 2021 letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding an EPA advisor for the Chesapeake Bay.

EPA wholeheartedly agrees the Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and is committed to working with all partners to meet the restoration goals as described in Executive Order 13508, *Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration*. EPA plays an important role coordinating restoration efforts across multiple federal agencies, the six watershed states, and the District of Columbia. EPA is currently in the process of evaluating the resources available for several Senior Advisor positions, including for the Chesapeake Bay and Anacostia River. We appreciate your input into this important decision, and we'll keep you apprised of updates on this issue.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Elizabeth Skane in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at Skane. Elizabeth@epa.gov or (202) 564-5696.

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